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DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371							
	TIONAL APPLICATION NO.	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE	U.S. APPLICATION NO. 44 known, see 37 CFR 1.5)  Not yet assigned 6 8 2 6  PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED				
PCT/F	R2004/050537	October 26, 2004	November 4, 2003				
Method and apparatus for separating air by cryogenic distillation							
APPLICA	APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US L'Air Liquide, Société Anonyme à Directoire et Conseil de Surveillance pour l'Etude et l'Exploitation des Procédés Georges Claude						
Applicant	t herewith submits to the United St	ates Designated/Elected Office (DO/EC	O/US) the following items and other information:				
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2.	This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.						
3.	This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.						
4.	The US has been elected (Article 31).						
5. 🛚	A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))						
•	a. X is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).						
	b. has been communicated by	the International Bureau.					
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6. 🗶	An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).						
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	b. has been previously submi	tted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).					
7.	Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))						
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8. 📙	An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).						
9. 📙	An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).						
10.	An English language translation of the Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).	e annexes of the International Preliminary E.	xamination Report under PCT				
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:							
11.	An Information Disclosure Statement	under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.					
12.	An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.						
13. 🛛	A preliminary amendment.						
14.	An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.						
15.	A substitute specification.						
16. 🗌	A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.						
17.	A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.						
18.	A second copy of the published Intern	national Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(	4).				
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- 2. English translation of International Application PCT/FR2004/050537;
- 3. Preliminary Amendment;
- Transmittal Under 35 USC 371 (PTO Form 1390) Fee Sheet (in duplicate);
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Respectfully submitted,

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